

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

30 JAN. 1962

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1. Communist troublemaking
in Latin America

a. The danger point has not yet been passed in Venezuela. The Communists, whose plans for a move against Betancourt [redacted] were upset by government countermeasures, are keeping their paramilitary units in readiness for a new opportunity. They are counting on some support within the military.

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b. Anti-American demonstrations organized by Peruvian Communists and Castroites are scheduled for later today in Lima. It looks now as though they may be sizeable. Additional police have been promised to cope with anticipated attacks on the American Chancellery and Ambassador's residence.

2. Laos

a. Rebel forces threatening Royal troops at Nam Tha in Northwest Laos yesterday were asking [redacted] for instructions on whether or not to close in on the city. However, no change in the military situation there has been reported yet.

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b. Phoumi admits to having received a second letter from Sarit, a much more helpful effort, it seems, than the earlier one. This time, according to Phoumi, Sarit told him that he probably should follow US advice.

c. Brown saw the King yesterday to register displeasure with the Boun Oum-Phoumi intransigence and to lay out the possibility of cutting off US aid. He is not hopeful of help from the King.

d. Souvanna indicated in Rangoon yesterday that he does not foresee another meeting of the Three Princes until after he has explored matters with the other two separately.

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3. India

a. [redacted] Nehru's negative decision on the Black offer was influenced in part by Menon's argument that India could count on heavy backing in the UN on its Kashmir position [redacted]

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b. Sino-Indian relations are staying on a downward course, with indications now appearing that Peiping has cut off the main trade route between India and Tibet.

c. Demonstrations have broken out in Nepal in protest against last week's assassination attempt on the King. Although the attempt apparently did not have the blessing of leaders of the Nepalese exile organization in India, the Katmandu government is exploiting the incident to whip up latent anti-Indian sentiment. There are no signs of it yet, but there is a possibility that Katmandu will ask for Chinese support against its opponents.

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- A. Yekaterina Furtseva failed in a suicide attempt in the Kremlin after losing her place as the only woman in the Soviet party presidium last fall. [REDACTED] There are indications that before this happened, her husband, a top foreign ministry official, had been slated to become the next ambassador to the US. 50X1

- C. Fanfani is expected to dissolve his present government sometime within the next week and then try to put together a coalition - his "opening to the left."
- D. The Portuguese are facing another troublespot, this time in Portuguese Guinea where local nationalists, with support from Guinea, are preparing a terrorist campaign.

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